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1. AS REQUESTED PHONECON MILLER (ISA)/LOVELAND (USNATO),
WE HAVE REVIEWED REFTEL FOR CORRELATION WITH ACTIONS
TAKEN IN WASHINGTON DURING 17-24 MAY VISIT BY LOVELAND
WITH L/GEN COOPER. IN EFFECT, ARGUMENTATION CONTAINED
PARA 2, REFTEL, COINCIDES ALMOST EXACTLY WITH THAT USED
BY COOPER/LOVELAND WITH CONGRESSIONAL STAFF MEMBERS. IN
ADDITION EUCOM CATEGORIZATION OF THE DELETED PROJECTS
CORRESPONDS ROUGHLY TO THAT FURNISHED CONGRESSIONAL
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2. WE CONCLUDE, THEREFORE, THAT CONCERNS EXPRESSED IN
REFTEL WOULD BE MET BY SUCCESS OF OSD EFFORTS TO PROMOTE
SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENT RESTORING NATO-ELIGIBLE AND
POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE PROJECTS TO FY79 MCA PROGRAM WITH
FUND RELEASE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATION OF SUFFICIENTLY LARGE
1980-84 NATO PROGRAM TO INCLUDE THE PROJECTS AND TO ATTAIN-

MENT OF ELIGIBILITY RECOGNITION FOR THE CATEGORIES INVOLVED. SHOULD THOSE EFFORTS FAIL A SIMILAR OPPORTUNITY MAY BE AVAILABLE DURING THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE NEGOTIATIONS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DA AND CSAF WILL ALSO RECLAMA (ON THE BASIS OF INDIVIDUAL MERITS) THE PROJECTS NOT REPEAT NOT CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR EVENTUAL NATO FUNDING.

3. IN THE INTERIM WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING WITH EUCOM AND USNMR/SHAPE PERSONNEL THE NECESSITY FOR US ACTION IN SPONSORING DRAFT CRITERIA FOR CURRENTLY INELIGIBLE ITEMS IF WE ARE TO MEET POTENTIAL CONGRESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF ESTABLISHING ELIGIBILITY BEFORE FUND RELEASE, WITH A GOAL OF DECEMBER 1978. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT ACTION MUST BE INITIATED SOON IF WE ARE TO ATTAIN THAT GOAL. WILSON

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